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REMARKS

Claims 2 – 16 and 18 – 31 remain in the application. Claims 27 – 31 have been allowed. Claims 2 – 15, 18 – 24 and 26 are objected to. Claims 1, 16, 17 and 25 stand finally rejected. Claims 1 and 17 are canceled herein. Claims 2, 16, 18, 25 and 26 are amended herein. No new matter is added.

Claims 2 – 15, 18 – 24 and 26 are objected to for depending from rejected base claims but are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the recitations of the independent claims from which they depend. Responsive thereto, objected to dependent claims 2, 18 and 26 have been amended to independent form, including the recitations of canceled independent claims 1 and 16, respectively. Accordingly, amended independent claims 2, 18 and 26 are allowable. Further, claims 16 and 25 are amended to depend from allowable independent claims 2 and 18. Therefore, all dependent claims 3 – 16 and 18 – 25 depend from allowable base claims and so, are allowable over references of record. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 2 – 15, 18 – 24 and 26 is respectfully solicited.

Rejected claims 1 and 17 are canceled and rejected claims 16 and 25 are amended herein to depend from allowable claims 2 and 18, obviating discussion of the final rejection under 35 USC §§ 102(e) or 103(a). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejection of claims 16 and 25 is respectfully solicited.

The applicant thanks the Examiner for efforts, both past and present, in examining the application. Believing the application to be in condition for allowance for the amendment to the claims, the applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to claims 2 – 15, 18 – 24 and 26, reconsider and withdraw the

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rejection of claims 16 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §§102 (e) and 103(a) and allow the application to issue.

Should the Examiner believe anything further may be required, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below for a telephonic or personal interview to discuss any other changes.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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